

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7173–S7225

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2147–2164, S. Res. 280–281, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Page S7219**

Measures Reported:

S. 2116, to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Transnational Drug Trafficking Act: Senate passed S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity.

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DHS Social Media Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 623, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Librarian of Congress: Senate passed S. 2162, to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

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National Dyslexia Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 275, calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed and designating October 2015 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Women’s Small Business Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, recognizing the month of

October 2015 as “National Women’s Small Business Month”. **Page S7224**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2015, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States.

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Enrollment Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1735.

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Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, October 8, 2015; that the time from 10:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. be controlled by the Majority, that the time between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. be controlled by the Democrats, and the time between 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 12:45 p.m.

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Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, to authorize

appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S7175–95**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 276), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the conference report to accompany the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the pending measure was in violation of section 3101 of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—277)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7225.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the National Institutes of Health, focusing on investing in a healthier future, after receiving testimony from Francis Collins, Director, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases,

Walter J. Koroshetz, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Jon R. Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

IRANIAN INFLUENCE IN IRAQ AND CAMP LIBERTY CASE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iranian influence in Iraq and the case of Camp Liberty, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Yeshiva University; General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, former National Security Advisor; and Colonel Wesley Martin, USA (Ret.), U.S. Foundation for Liberty, former Commander, Forward Operating Base Ashraf.

WIRELESS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine removing barriers to wireless broadband deployment, after receiving testimony from Douglas Kinkoph, Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Jonathan Adelstein, PCIA—The Wireless Infrastructure Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Mayor Gary Resnick, Wilton Manors, Florida, on behalf of the National League of Cities and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors; Cory J. Reed, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; and Bruce Morrison, Ericsson Inc., Bellevue, Washington.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine Svinicki, William Ostendorff, and Jeffrey Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the North Korea threat and United States policy, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Gallucci, Director, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress; Jay Lefkowitz, former Special Envoy for Human Rights in North Korea, Kirkland and Ellis LLP, New York,